

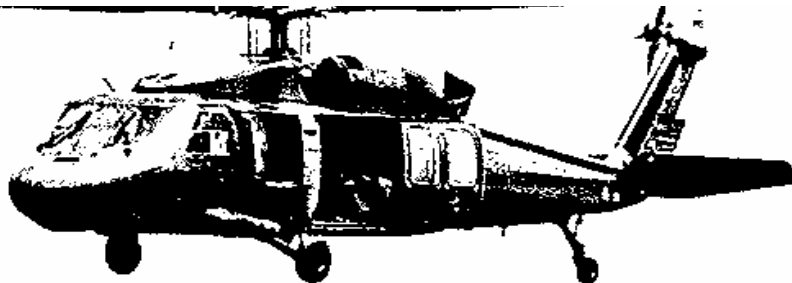
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AVCRAD Newsletter

1. Scheduled Drills:

8-9 Sep 01 Standard Drill /
ADMRLU EVAL / Make up APFT &
Weapons qualification

13-14 Oct 01 Standard Drill / APFT
& Annual Briefing, Tag Sale, Unit
Picnic

UNIFORM:

SATURDAY: BDUs, sleeves rolled
UP, **BERET** with shined boots and
regulation haircut. (Security Badge
and Hearing Protection).

SUNDAY: BDU's and **ARMY** PT
gear for those soldiers identified for
Make up APFT (ANNEX C).

FORMATIONS

SATURDAY:

0700 Pre-Drill MTG-Classroom, E-7
and above & Div Chiefs

0745 First Formation,
North Ramp for All (-)

SUNDAY:

0700 Enhanced PT (see Annex C)

0730 Pre Drill Meeting / **NCODP**
Classroom: SFC's through SGM)

0745 Make up APFT, Camp
Rowland Fitness Center

0900 – Flt Crew briefing

SDP – Land Navigation

ODP – Historical Perspective

MESS-HALL DUTY ROSTER **CASHIERS:**

Will be announced at drill:

KP's

Will be announced at drill:

SEPTEMBER DRILL MEAL **MENU**

8 SEP 01 Salisbury steak, mashed
potatoes or ham steak with
pineapple, tossed salad, rolls with
butter & cookies.

9 SEP 01 Rigatoni pasta with
marinara sauce, sausage or chicken
paramagian, salad, green beans, rolls
with butter & cookies.

ANNUAL TRAINING **CYCLES:**

4 - 24 Sep 01: Operation BRIGHT
STAR

13 Sep – 2 Oct 01: Operation
BRIGHT STAR

25 Sep – 14 Oct 01: Operation
BRIGHT STAR

7 – 26 Oct 01: Operation BRIGHT
STAR

13 – 27 Oct 01: WAATS, AZ

19 Oct – 6 Nov 01: Operation
BRIGHT STAR

31 Oct – 19 Nov 01: Operation
BRIGHT STAR

2. DRILL HIGHLIGHTS:

The unit will undergo its bi-annual Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit (ADMURU) evaluation. Be prepared to see visitors this weekend and expect them to ask you questions on the unit and its mission. See LTC Shea's comments.

This is the final weekend for OPERATION BRIGHT STAR preparation. **All personnel going must attend drill** this weekend. Training & briefings are ongoing starting Saturday afternoon into Sunday. **Make sure you bring in all your issued equipment (LBE, 2 canteens, first aid pouch, sleeping bag / mat, kevlar with cover & band, DCU's, etc.) for inspection.** See your section sergeant for details.

Selected soldiers will qualify their individual weapons on 8 - 9 Sep with the 1-102d IN and on 15 Sep with the 1-169th AVN at EHRR. Refer to Annex B.

Those soldiers shooting 8 – 9 Sep will report to the AVCRAD first. They will draw weapons at 1145 and depart the AVCRAD at 1200 in vans with their LBE, kevlar & protective mask. Meals will be eaten prior to departure.

Those soldiers shooting 15 Sep will either SUTA Sunday afternoon (9 Sep) or request an RMA. They will report to the AVCRAD at 0800 to draw weapons and depart with their LBE, kevlar & protective mask. **(Soldiers will draw their protective mask during this drill weekend).**

TA-50 All soldiers issued TA-50 gear will need to bring it to drill to store it in their assigned wall locker.

MAKE UP APFT (Annex C)

Soldiers will report to the Camp Rowland Fitness Center for a 0745 formation. Soldiers with a medical excuse must bring a doctor's note to the Operations and Training Division on Saturday or bring it with them the day of the test. POC is SFC Micklich.

Enhanced PT (Annex C).

Soldiers will report in PT uniform to the hanger for 0700.

The QUARTERLY ALERT ROSTER update will take place both Saturday and Sunday during the lunch hour. Verify your address and telephone contact numbers with SSG's Angulo or Fowler. Also, if you have a PO Box address, you must provide either an accurate street number or a strip map to your house.

3. XO's COMMENTS

1. During the September drill, the 1109th AVCRAD will be receiving an evaluation from the Headquarters ADMRU and AMCOM. The evaluation or inspection is called the **ADMURU Evaluation**. This evaluation is a bi-annual look at the 1109th AVCRAD and our ability to perform our wartime mission. We have always done well on this evaluation in the past and I expect us to do well again this year. The HQs ADMRU will bring a number of officers and NCOs to the 1109th AVCRAD from 6 – 9 September 2001 to perform this evaluation. You may have the opportunity to interface with them. You do need to be aware of some terms, as you may be asked by one of the evaluators. This should be a refresher for most of you.

a. ADMRU – Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit program. The ADMRU and its 1,400 soldiers consist of the four

AVCRAD's and the Headquarters ADMRU. The mission of the ADMRU is as follows:

(1) Support to deploying or deployed forces.

(2) Classify and inspect aviation stocks and components.

(3) Expand the aviation maintenance capabilities of CONUS depots.

(4) Provide OCONUS aviation maintenance capability for contingency and stability and support operations (SASO).

b. HQ ADMRU – Headquarters, Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit. This headquarters was formally known as the MACE (Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element). They officially changed their name this past year to HQ ADMRU. They are part of the Maryland Army National Guard and function as the AVCRAD's higher headquarters in wartime.

c. AMCOM – Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM). AMCOM is commanded by a Major General and is responsible for all the maintenance, logistics and acquisition of airplanes, helicopters, missiles & associated components for the U.S. Army.

d. AMC-LSE – Army Material Command – Logistical Support Element. The AMC-LSE is a theater asset for a major theater of war, such as the European Theater or the Southwest Asia Theater. It is primarily made up of Department of the Army civilians, contractors, and a limited number of military personnel. The AVCRADs, including the 1109th AVCRAD, make up the majority of the aviation slice of an LSE.

2. This is the last month of the training year. We have accomplished a great deal during the year to include numerous deployments around the world. Yet

there are still some issues that need to be cleaned up. We will be administering the last APFT for this training year during this drill. Additionally, we will be scheduling a make-up range fire for those of you who have not fired this training year. These are important soldier and unit readiness issues. Make sure that you review the lists in this newsletter for these and all events. Make sure that you are at the right place, at the right time, and in the right uniform.

3. Operation BRIGHT STAR 01/02. Starting in September, the 1109th AVCRAD will be deploying to Egypt as part of Operation BRIGHT STAR. This is a bi-annual event. This is the third Operation BRIGHT STAR that the 1109th AVCRAD has participated in (the previous ones being 1995 & 1999). We will have six rotations of various sizes participating through mid-November. We wish our soldiers the best of luck in this endeavor.

4. Two soldiers from the 1109th AVCRAD are in the process of deploying with Company B, 1st Battalion, 102d Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division (Light) to Bosnia. SGT Mark Wotring and SPC Herkner have been transferred to Co B, 1/102d Inf Regt and are currently at Fort Dix preparing for their deployment in September for 270 days. We wish them well and a safe return in this mission.

5. This newsletter takes a lot of work by numerous soldiers and officers at the 1109th AVCRAD. The leadership has come to rely on this as a primary means of providing information to you, our soldiers. Please take the time to read this newsletter in its entirety. The Connecticut Army National Guard Web page is operational as of yesterday. You should be able to find the newsletter and other information on line via the web page. The web address is <http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil>.

4. ADMIN/SERVICES:

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN:

Beginning on October 9, 2001, members of the uniformed services will be able to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) during a special 60-day enrollment period. Soldiers can get additional information about this benefit by visiting the following website;

<http://www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>.

MILITARY ID CARDS

Soldiers that still have the old red Military ID cards need to get the new green card, especially if you are travelling OCONUS. See ADMIN for scheduled times.

UPCOMING BOARD DATES:

NCOPS Board to:

MSG/SGM	15-17 Jan 02
SFC	19-21 Feb 02
SSG	19-21 Mar 02
SGT	16-18 Apr 02

QRB: 13-15 Mar 02

NEW SOLDIERS!

Welcome to the following soldiers:

CW2 Civitarese to PC - 154C0
SSG Beckers to Obsv Br - 67V
PVT Schultz to Obsv Br - 68N

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following soldiers on their promotions:

SSG Bartunek to SFC
PV2 Campbell to PFC
PV2 Hardy to PFC

PAY PROBLEMS?

If you have not received your pay within two weeks for ANY duty that you performed - to include drill pay, RMA's, AT, ADSW, etc., please contact SSG Major, SSG Mecomber or CW3 Walker in Admin.

NCOER's:

FYI. Annual ending dates for NCOER's for non-AGR soldiers will be the last day of the month listed below for each rank:

E8's: August
E7's: September
E6's: October
E5's: November

AGR soldiers or off-cycle M-Day end dates for NCOES are posted on the Admin Bulletin Board. NCOER's must be completed (typed, signed & ready to forward to Hartford) no later than 60 days after the cut off dates.

Remember, all non-AGR soldiers require at least 2 written counseling sessions annually. AGR soldiers require 4 sessions. Record these performance counseling sessions on DA Form 2166-7-1. These dates are VERY IMPORTANT and are required entries on the NCOER's by the rater.

The Master NCOER Rating Scheme is posted on the Admin Bulletin Board. Make sure you know who YOU rate and who rates you.

Any questions on NCOER's, see SFC Sholes or CW3 Walker.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

Once again, it is time for Combined Federal Campaign. 1109th AVCRAD is currently conducting its annual campaign. Please help us reach the goal by contributing to a charity in the brochure. Whatever you can afford to give will be appreciated.

Each year, our contributions help support hundreds of charities. Thousands of people in our community benefit from funded services. The charities help preserve our environment and respond to personal tragedies as natural disasters occur. Most of the charities are geared toward helping people no

matter what their income level. We all benefit from living and working in a healthier, happier world.

I hope you will decide to contribute to the campaign. There is someone out there who needs the help your contribution can provide.

If you have any questions or you would like to make a contribution please see SSG Longo.

UNIT DUES

If you have not paid please see SSG Longo

E1-E4	-	\$4
E5	-	\$6
E6	-	\$8
E7-E9	-	\$12
Officers	-	\$15

5. TRAINING:

The TY-02 IDT and AT dates are now available. See the ADMIN folder on Server 1.

If you are interested in attending any Army School you must fill out AVCRAD Form 717 with your Section Sergeant. Please do not come directly to Training.

Attention!

Foreign travel. Reminder, as DOD employees (full or part-time) you are required to receive a briefing **prior** to any overseas travel. This is not optional – it is mandatory. You should contact the Operations & Training Division at a minimum of two weeks prior to traveling and identify the country or countries that you are traveling to. They will then make arrangements for a briefing. Depending on where you are traveling to, the briefing can be either via telephone, web page or in some instances, you will be required to come to the AVCRAD or the Hartford Armory for a detailed briefing. Points of contact for foreign travel are MAJ Panagrosso at x-2956 or CW3 Judd at x-2913 (scott.panagrosso@ct.ngb.army.mil)

or MSG Berube
(robert.berube@ct.ngb.army.mil).

MAJ Scott A. Panagrosso

6. SAFETY:

. Continuing the series:

(4 September 1999, Tokyo, Japan) Shoshi was a part-time janitor until his eagerness to do a good job collided with an unhealthy inability to attend to his own safety. The elevator he was cleaning had water leaking from its ceiling, so he rode a second elevator up the shaft, climbed out its hidden side door, and hopped on top of the first elevator. As he cleaned the puddle from the roof, the car rose to the top floor, fatally crushing him. The 24-year-old had forgotten to turn off the leaking elevator before wiping up the spill, leaving the roof messier than before.

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Submitted by: DJW
Reference: Mainichi Daily News

Periodically we need to re-visit things that we all have seen before to refresh our memories. The story above is a classic example of what can occur when we do not use Lock-Out/Tag-Out procedures to safeguard equipment we are working on. Any time maintenance needs to be performed on powered equipment, you **MUST** lock it out! For electrical equipment this means locking it out at the breaker box and on the machine. For other equipment it may mean disconnecting a battery. Do what needs to be done to render the equipment inoperable and post a sign top let everyone know that the equipment is decommissioned for service.

The following is a little story that illustrates human nature:

It is a known fact that if you put a frog in a pot of boiling water the frog will immediately jump out. Put the frog in a pot of room temperature water and turn the heat on high and

the frog will cook to death because it does not recognize the temperature slowly creeping up. We can be very much like that in the safety arena. We typically identify the immediate safety hazards like a flat tire on ground handling wheels, but how often do we inspect the same wheels for developing cracks? We look at the first aid kits hanging on the wall every day, but do we look inside to ensure all items are still there? Start taking a good look at the things we take for granted.

CW4 William Odell, AVCRAD
Safety Officer

7. FAMILY CARE PROGRAM:

The unit TAG SALE is back on for Sat, 13 Oct. If you have anything to donate, please contact SFC Nancy Rogers at 441-2972.

The unit will hold its annual family day picnic on Sunday, 14 Oct. It will be at 1200 hours under the new pavilion at Camp Rowland. Contact SGM Messina for details or if you wish to help.

There will be a party on 12 Oct at the Groton Motor Inn to honor CW4 Dean, CW4 Debernardo, SFC Mattingly, SFC Boysworth. All have recently retired from the full time force. Cocktails start at 1800. Prices will be announced. Contact 1SG Donnee.

Here is information on local Military Exchanges / Commissaries in the local area.

CP Rowland Exchange: Closed Monday, Tues – Sat 1000 – 5:00PM; Sun 1000 – 4:00PM Telephone (860) 739-9672

Sub Base, New London, CT Mon – Wed, Fri 9:00 – 6:00PM; Thus 9:00 – 7:00PM; Sat & Sun 9:00 – 5:00PM; Holidays 9:00 – 4:00PM Telephone (860) 694-3811

8. ADSW OPPORTUNITIES

Fair season is here! If you are interested, call your supervisor and get word in to the unit ASAP. Additional opportunities are coming up to earn ADSW pay in support of the Recruiting and Retention at the local fairs. If you are interested contact SFC Micklich.

Anyone SSG/SFC interested in spending 179 days in Hohenfels, GE need to contact MAJ Panagrosso ASAP. Tour dates: Start 1 April 2002; End 26 September 2002.

ANNEX A **AVCRAD FULL TIME** **POC, PHONE LIST**

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION

MAJ Panagrosso 441-2956
MSG Berube 441-2954
SFC Micklich 441-2957
SSG Edwards 441-2955

ADMIN SERVICES DIVISION

CW3 Walker 441-2953
SFC Ives 441-2962
SSG Major 441-2959
SSG Mecomber 441-2960

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

MAJ Allen 441-2911
CW4 Delea 441-2931

QC DIVISION

CW3 Teague 441-2925
MSG Slater 441-2968

PROD CONTROL DIV

MAJ Burnside 441-2910
1SG Donnee 441-2924

MATERIAL MGT DIVISION

CW2 Walters 441-2940
SFC Moore 441-2992

FLIGHT OPS DIVISION

CW4 Odell 441-2918
SSG Pons 441-2920

Det 2, Co I, 185th Avn

CW5 Zoller 441-2913
CW4 Muthig 441-2922
SGT Dumas 441-2914

Annex B, **Range Firing List**

The following soldiers will
Fire with the 1-102d In on
Saturday, 8 Sep. They will report
to the arms room at 1145, EHRR
at 1300.

AMARO	STEVEN J
AUGUSTINSKY	RICHARD A
BARRETT	KAMANI T
BEDELL	MATTHEW R
CAMPBELL	SANDY P
CAPPUCCIO	MARK C
CRESSEY	THOMAS A
ERNEY	CHARLES R
HENRY	LINDA L
PENDLETON	THOMAS

The following soldiers will
Fire with the 1-102d In on
Saturday, 9 Sep. They will report
to the arms room at 1145, EHRR
at 1300.

BROOKS	RICHARD N
HORWATH	YANCEY G
KELLEHER	JOHN J
LENOCI	GIOVANNI
MCGINN	DANIEL P
PATNOAD	PAUL E
PHILLIPS	ALBERT J
PRATT	STEVEN T
SUMMERS	MATTHEW D

The following soldiers will
Fire with the 1-169th Avn on
Saturday, 15 Sep. They will report
to the AVCRAD at 0800 in the
parking lot.

CYR	GREGORY J
GRAMOLINI	ROBIN L
MAJOR	ROBYN K
MEEKHOFF	JARED H
MICKLICH	CHRISTOPHER

NORDBY	RONALD C
RICHARDSON	JOHN J.
TETER	BRADFORD S

Annex C **Make Up APFT**

Soldiers listed below will report to
the Fitness Center for 0745,
Sunday 9 Sep in PT uniform.

MAKE UP APFT	
LAST	FIRST
CAMPBELL	SANDY P
CHRISTENSEN	ROBERT H
DANIELS	EDWARD J
FUSCONI	KEVIN J
MILLER	RYAN F
PRECIADO	MAURICE A
PHILLIPS	ALBERT J
TECUN	EDGAR
WILLIAMS	ERIC C
WILLIAMS	JASON C

Soldiers listed below will report to
the hanger floor at 0700 for
enhanced PT in PT uniform.

ENHANCED PT	
LAST	FIRST
ANDERSON	LESLIE D
APONTE	IVAN
AUGUSTINSKY	RICHARD A
BEDELL	MATTHEW R
BOGUE	ANDREW S
BOYLE	DAVID T
DEBERNARDO	RICHARD L
ELLINWOOD	PAUL W
ERNEY	CHARLES R
ESSLINGER	JASON M
GARCIA	GISELA C
GRAINGER	JAMES A
HALE	JOSEPH M
HENRY	LINDA L
HUSTED	GEORGE C
ISAAC	JUNIOR A
LANDRY	WILLIAM M
LITTLEHALE	PAUL A
MONKS	DAVID T

MOWATT	MURRY
NEWMAN	JEREMY L
NGUYEN	CHARLES T
NORDBY	RONALD C
RICHARDSON	DAVE B
ROBINSON	BRIAN E
ROYCE	DANIEL J
SALES	JEFFREY C
VEGA	MILLIE
WHITE	DAVID M